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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Kazuhisa SAITO

Serial No. 10/562,960

Filed: December 30, 2005

Title: LIGHT GUIDE PLATE,
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS
THEREOF AS WELL AS LIGHT SOURCE
APPARATUS AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY USING LIGHT GUIDE PLATE

Customer No. 26817

Group Art Unit: 2875

Examiner: Laura K. TSO

Confirmation No. 4219

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an April 9, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

I. Claims 1-22, drawn to a light guide plate and method of manufacturing such a plate, classified in class 362, subclass 625.

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Claim 23, drawn to an apparatus for forming a plurality of rows and grooves on a transparent plate, classified in class 409, subclass 304.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, drawn to a light guide plate and method of manufacturing such a plate, classified in class 362, subclass 625 for prosecution in this application. Applicants submit that a search of the method of Group I would uncover the apparatus of Group II. Applicants respectfully request the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should she believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 2, 2007

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